

Dear Sirs,

I have read the FCC Consumer Advisory as well as the press release regarding the proposal to relax cell phone restrictions inflight.

What I did not see was the consideration of the effect on the Flight Attendants and the safety environment onboard.

As a Flight Attendant, it is already difficult to get passengers to listen to our safety demonstrations and turn off their cell phones as it is. Allowing them to use phones inflight would make our current problems worse and bring up a whole new set of problems.

Imagine a flight where most people are trying to sleep, enjoy the movie, etc and there are loud cell phone conversations going on all around them. We already referee fights between passengers when one wants to recline his seat, or someone is talking too loudly. I can see the nightmare already.

Besides the day to day struggles we would face, imagine trying to give a safety briefing in an emergency. Many people would want to phone their loved ones as soon as we announced a problem, and not listen to our demonstration at all.

Consider the terrorist in row 30 freely coordinating with his partners in rows 10, 5 and 1.

Most planes are equipped with phones, and many are being fitted with internet capability. This is sufficient for passenger's communication needs.

Sincerely,

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